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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: CORRESPONDENT REPORTS
- MUJAHIDIN PENETRATION INTO USSR AND SOVIET
- OPERATIONS IN PAKISTAN

1. SUMMARY:

RECENTLY TOLD PESHAWAR BYRU HONORARY THAT
MUJAHIDIN HAVE BEEN OPERATING INSIDE THE USSR FOR 2-3
MONTHS AT A TIME. REPORTED, WITHOUT
EYEWITNESS VERIFICATION, SOVIET TROOPS CROSSING THE
BORDER TO OPERATE IN PAKISTAN. HE MADE HIS REMARKS
ON THE BASIS OF A TWO WEEK TRIP INTO AFGHANISTAN

END SUMMARY.

MUJAHIDIN INSIDE THE USSR

2. REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO

WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A
RELIABLE SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN HAVE REPEATEDLY PENETRATED
THE SOVIET UNION AND FIGHT THERE FOR TWO TO THREE
MONTHS AT A TIME. UZBEKS, TURKMENS, TAJIKS, AND EVEN
PAKISTANIS, WHO HAVE FAMILIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
BORDER, ARE SUSTAINED WITH FOOD AND SUPPLIES FROM
FRIENDLY VILLAGERS. THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE PENETRATED
AS DEEP AS A FIVE-DAY JOURNEY, WIPE OUT A SMALL
MILITARY INSTALLATION AND CARRIED THE CAPTURED
WEAPONS BACK TO AFGHANISTAN. REPORTED
HEARING STORIES THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BORDED THEIR
OWN TERRITORY TO WIPE OUT SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN
CONCENTRATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE PLANS TO TALK WITH
MUJAHIDIN WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING INSIDE THE USSR AND
ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THIS STORY. HE WILL ASK FOR PLACE
NAMES, TRAVEL TIMES, DISTANCES, AND LANDMARKS.

6. KABUL AND MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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